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SUBJ: INVENTORY OF REGULATIONS ON TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. SOME OF TOGO'S TEXTILE IMPORT REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN
MODIFIED SINCE 1975. THE NEW LIST OF DUTIES AND OTHER
CHARGES IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENTRANCE REVENUE DUTY (TAXE FISCALE): BETWEEN
7 PCT AND 25 PCT OF VALUE CIF. SEVERAL TEXTILE CATEGORIES
HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM 25 PCT TO 20PCT. THE FLAT DUTY OF
1200CFA PER KILO OF PRINTED CLOTH (INCLUDED IN
INVENTORY) IS NOT IN EFFECT. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SAID THAT
IT NEVER EXISTED.

B. STATISTICAL TAX: 2 PCT OF VALUE CIF.

C. TOLL OF PORT FEE (PEAGE): 100CFA FRANCS PER
METRIC TON (AT 240CFA EAUALS \$1, THE TOLL IS \$0.42 PER TON).

D. TRANSACTION TAX (TFRTT): 18 PCT OF THE SUM OF THE
VALUE CIF PLUS THE ABOVE TAXES (CIF PLUS A
PLUS B PLUS C). THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES (IN BTN 5904)
ARE EXEMPT FROM TFRTT: STRINGS, ROPES AND CORDAGE,
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BRAIDED OR UNBRAIDED, THAT ARE LESS THAN 40 METERS
LONG PER KILO.

E. STAMP TAX (TIMBRE DOUANIER): 4 PCT OF THE ABOVE
TAXES (A PLUS B PLUS C PLUS D). IT IS NOT LEVIED ON
THE VALUE CIF.

F. LOCAL TAX: 6 PCT OF THE SUM OF THE VALUE CIF
PLUS ALL THE ABOVE TAXES (CIF PLUS A PLUS B PLUS C
PLUS D PLUS E). THIS TAX HAS APPLIED TO ALL IMPORTS
SINCE 1 JANUARY 1977.

G. SPECIAL IMPORT DUTY: IF THIS DUTY EVER
EXISTED (CUSTOMS OFFICIAL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT),
IT NO LONGER DOES.

H. PHYTOSANITARY TAX: 125CFA PER METRIC TON LEVIED
ON SACKS AND OTHER JUTE GOODS (AT 240CFA TO \$1, THE TAX IS \$0.52
PER TON).

2. LICENSES: IMPORT LICENSES REQUIRED FOR ALL GOODS
FROM NON-FRANC COUNTRIES. RENEWALS ARE GENERALLY GRANTED
AUTOMATICALLY (TWO WEEKS DELAY), BUT NEW APPLICATIONS
MAY TAKE MUCH LONGER.

3. CURRENCY TRANSFER: EACH MONETARY TRANSACTION WITH
A NON-FRANC COUNTRY MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY A LOCAL BANK.
TOGOLESE BUSINESSMEN CAN NOT HOLD FOREIGN EXCHANGE IN
TOGO AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAINTAIN BANK
ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE THE FRANC ZONE. MONEY TRANSFERRED
BY CABLE OR TELEX DIRECTLY FROM A TOGOLESE BANK TO
A US BANK (OR VICE VERSA) ARRIVES IN ONE WEEK.
MONEY SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A BUSINESS IN TOGO,
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NOT TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

4. LABELLING: COUNTRY-OF ORIGIN MARKING REQUIRED. PALMER

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